

## Letter to the editor

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The Number 8 of the Annals of Olinda Medical School represents the institutional effort of the faculty in producing knowledge in the field of medicine. The new submission rules and layout of our portal facilitate the dialogue between authors and our journal, increasing the products and the agility of editorial processes.

Another factor that encourages us is the collective commitment of authors, evaluators, and managers in preparing the journal for international indexing, which requires the gradual update of our content and the building of a bibliographic collection with its own identity but with a universal character.

In this issue, readers will be presented with a set of original articles, case reports, systematic and narrative reviews, as well as experience reports and reviews. Besides the quality of all studies, the systematic review “Mortality in patients with metabolic syndrome during the COVID-19 pandemic” stands out as it evidences the need to remain vigilant in relation to the disease that caused irreparable harm to human beings.

Last, our belief in science is renewed by the production of knowledge as an indispensable tool for the construction of society and as a key element for our civilizing process. The Annals of Olinda Medical School remains an important instrument for training and strengthening the principles of learning: teaching, research, and extension.

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